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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: :
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GORDON T. BROWN ET AL. : AUTOMATED ACCOUNTING SYSTEM
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[Continuation of Application :
Serial No. 08/313,988 : Attorney Docket No. 47781-7
Filed September 28, 1994] :

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

October 11, 2001

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231
Attention: BOX PATENT APPLICATION

Sir:

Please enter the following amendments prior to examination.

In the Specification:

On page 1, after the title, please insert the following:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application is a continuation of Application Serial No. 08/313,988
filed September 28, 1994.

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 1-27.

Please add new Claims 28-82 as follows:

28. (New) A computer assisted method for producing an accounting
statement for a first entity, comprising:
providing standardized codes;
conducting through other entities separate financial transactions,
including transfer of funds and instructions for transfer of funds, with the first entity at a
plurality of separate points;
associating the standardized codes at about the time when funds
are transferred or instructions are given for transfer to complete the financial transaction;